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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS,
AND
Overseers of the Poor,
OF THE
TOWN OF PERU,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 20, 1899.

RUMFORD FALLS:
TIMES BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
1899.

159 32

Report of Selectmen.

To the inhabitants of the town of Peru:

Agreeable to law and the usual custom we submit our annual report of the financial standing of the town for the year ending February 20, 1899.

Total valuation, \$190,246.

Valuation of town farm property, \$700.

Valuation on which money tax was assessed, \$189,546.

We have assessed a State tax of	\$ 654 30
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“ “ “ a County tax of	405 50
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Voted by town to defray town charges,	3,500 00
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“ “ “ for support of schools,	575 00
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Deficient highway,	208 55
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With an overlay of	172 55
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We have assessed on 185 polls at \$1 each,	185 00
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Total amt. committed to Wallace E.

Hammond, collector,	\$5,700 86
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Percentage of assessment, 2 cents and 8 mills on the dollar.

EXPENSES OF POOR ON THE TOWN FARM.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon to A. B. McIntire for one year ending April 6, 1899, and he is to support Lenora P. Knight and receive \$11.95. He is to leave the farm and personal property as he received it.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid W. S. Walker for grass seed and material for repairs,	\$7 87
B. A. Bearce for wire netting,	1 03
Due A. B. McIntire,	11 95
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	\$20 85

RECEIPTS.

Received for oxen sold more than they were valued last year,	\$20 00
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	\$20 00
Balance against the farm,	85

SCHEDULE OF STOCK, ETC., ON THE FARM.

3 cows.
12 hens.
100 lbs. pork.
7 bushels beans.

Hay to winter out the stock, and farming tools and household furniture, etc., the same as last year.

EXPENSES OF POOR NOT ON THE FARM.

Paid support of Wm. L. Knight,	\$126 78
expenses of J. E. C. Poland,	126 00
Almira Russell,	50 60
Mrs. A. S. Knox,	52 04
William H. Cone,	102 00
John M. Blake,	10 20
for moving the body of James Robertson,	2 50

Due town of Leeds for expense of S. P.	
Wing,	5 00
Balance against town farm,	85
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Total expense of poor,	\$475 97
Received from the town of Skowhegan for	
W. H. Cone,	\$102 00
from the town of Hartford for	
Almira Russell,	50 60
Due from town of Gray for John M. Blake,	10 20
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	\$162 80
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Expenses of poor for 1898,	\$313 17

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Wm. S. Walker, treasurer of Peru.

DR.

Feb. 15, 1898.	To amt. due on tax	
	bills of 1896,	\$ 302 70
" " "	amt. due on tax	
	bills for 1897,	3,270 96
" " "	tax deeds on hand,	278 18
" " "	cash on hand,	554 95
To error on tax deeds,		7 80
money received for highway tax,		19 72
money received for school house		
sold,		10 00
cash received from Skowhegan,		42 00
money hired,		240 00
received for oxen sold,		120 00
cash received from Skowhegan,		24 00
cash received from Skowhegan,		36 00
received from State on dog tax,		38 39
W. E. Hammond's tax bills of 1898,		5,700 86

To received of Frank W. Morse, .	9 00	
recd. from town clerk, dog licenses,	33 00	
recd. from town of Hartford,	50 60	
recd. from tax deeds redeemed and interest,	11 77	
recd. State school fund for 1898,	474 12	
recd. for use of ferry and town hall,	44 68	
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		\$11,268 73

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Feb. 15, 1899.	By amt. due on tax bills of 1898,	\$3,955 86	
" " "	By tax deeds on hand,	298 42	
" " "	Orders and receipts turned over,	6,732 18	
" " "	Cash on hand,	282 27	
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			\$11,268 73

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There has been expended on roads and bridges for the year 1898,	\$1,988 30	
Unpaid bills of 1897,	68 55	
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Total amount expended on roads and bridges,		\$2,056 85

SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town for support of schools,	\$575 00	
apportioned from State,	474 12	
interest on permanent school fund,	34 38	
unexpended balance from 1897,	286 44	
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Total,		\$1,369 94

Expended for teaching,	\$871 20
board,	304 00
wood,	52 51
janitor's services,	12 75
conveying scholars,	122 00
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Total,	\$1,362 46
Balance unexpended,	7 48
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ABATEMENTS.

Poll and personal of H. R. Burgess, 1897,	\$ 6 15
Dwight L. Hall, 1897,	3 06
Samuel Jackson,	1 63
Lewis M. Knox,	1 21
Levi L. Newton,	2 45
Albert C. Moore,	2 37
Edwin Poland,	2 16
Poll of Maurice Newton,	1 00
Albert C. Campbell,	1 00
Hiram Howard,	1 00
Wm. J. Jackson,	1 00
Ezeikel A. Poland,	1 00
Everett Sims,	1 00
Personal of Daniel Gammon,	2 37
Real estate of Abel A. Davis,	4 20
Unpaid highway of R. R. Co., for 1896,	18 90
Stock in Bridge Co., overvalue,	1 80
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Total,	\$52 30
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for school books,	\$ 53 29
repairs on school houses,	119 44
apparatus and appliances,	85 83
lamps and zinc for town hall,	7 25

Paid for one-half expense of boat at Peru Center,	49 66
blank books for the town,	10 50
Bisbee & Parker, legal advice,	2 00
J. S. Sturtevant, certificates of births and deaths,	3 25
cash expense of selectmen, postage, stationery and expenses out of town,	7 39
A. D. Hammond for plow,	12 00
D. W. Knight, repairs on road machine,	10 50
Estimated cost of printing this report,	10 00
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Total,	\$371 11

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Due S. F. Robinson, town clerk,	\$ 10 55
Wm. S. Walker, treasurer,	30 00
James W. Gowell, selectman, assessor, etc.,	48 50
H. R. Robinson, selectman, assessor, etc.,	33 25
Chas. J. Tracy, selectman, assessor, etc.,	25 25
Paid Edwin C. Hussey, supervisor of schools,	25 48
Due Joseph A. Putnam, supervisor of schools,	52 15
Wallace E. Hammond, collector for 1898,	102 62
Paid Daniel W. Knight, road commissioner,	180 27
Chas. Hall, Board of Health for 1898	
M. Hall, " " " " "	
O. O. Tracy, " " " " "	
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	\$508 07

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expenses of the poor for 1898,	\$ 313 32
Expended on roads and bridges,	2,056 85
Orders of abatements,	52 30
Incidental expenses,	371 11
Town officers' bills,	508 07
Interest accrued during the year,	160 81
" on permanent school fund,	34 38
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Total,	\$3,496 84

RECEIPTS.

Amt. voted by town to defray town	
charges,	\$3,500 00
of overlay,	172 55
of deficient highway,	208 51
received from State on account of	
dog licenses,	38 39
Amt. rec'd from Frank Morse,	9 00
town of Skowhegan,	102 00
town of Hartford,	50 60
for oxen sold,	120 00
for use of Ferry,	3 17
for use of Town Hall,	41 50
Due from Grange for use of Town Hall,	8 50
Town of Gray for J. M. Blake,	10 20
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Total,	\$4,264 42
Balance,	\$767 58
Deduct from value of town farm property	
for oxen sold,	100 00
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Balance in favor of 1898,	\$667 58

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders bearing interest,	\$3,768 97
Interest due Feb. 20, 1899,	113 20
Orders not on interest,	105 57
Due the town schools,	7 48
on town officers bills, 1898,	302 32
A. B. McIntire,	11 95
bills due (orders not drawn) for labor	
on highway,	371 68
Town of Leeds,	5 00
Estimated cost of printing this	
report,	10 00
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Total,	\$4,696 17

ASSETS.

In hands of the treasurer,	\$4,536 55
Town farm and personal property,	600 00
Due from town of Gray for J. M. Blake,	10 20
Rockemeka Grange,	8 50
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	\$5,155 25
Assets more than liabilities,	\$459 08

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. GOWELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. R. ROBINSON,	
CHAS. J. TRACY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Peru.</i>

Report of Schools.

Term.	Teacher.	No. attdg.	Aver- age	No. wks.	Cost.
EAST.					
Summer.	Ada E. Gerrish.	17	16	8	\$56 00
Fall.	Geo. Holman.	17	16	8	56 00
Winter.	Edgar Foster.	24	21	8	64 00
CENTER.					
Summer.	E. C. Hussey.	17	15	6	39 20
Fall.	Ada E. Gerrish.	20	18	10	70 00
Winter.	Ada E. Gerrish.	17	14	8	56 00
WEST.					
Summer.	Mary E. Martin.	33	28	8	64 00
Fall.	Mary E. Martin.	34	29	8	64 00
Winter.	W. M. Marr.	33	30	8	64 00
DICKVALE.					
Summer.	F. L. Phinney.	17	16	8	56 00
Fall.	F. L. Phinney.	22	20	8	56 00
Winter.	Geo. S. Holman.	25	15	8	64 00
KNOX.					
Summer.	Nettie L. Thurston.	16	13	8	48 00
Fall.	Nettie L. Thurston.	16	12	8	48 00
Winter.	Leon M. Small.	12	11	8	56 00
RIDGE.					
Summer.	Nellie M. Tracy.	10	9	8	42 00
Fall.	Jos. A. Putnam.	13	11	8	56 00
Winter.	Jos. A. Putnam.	13	11	8	56 00
POND.					
Summer.	Bertha Goggin.	15	13	8	50 00
Fall.	Nellie Tracy.	15	14	8	54 00
Winter.	Fred A. Weeks.	16	15	8	56 00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES, ETC.

SCHOOLS.

	DR.	CR.
Unexpended bal. from '98 report,	\$302 19	
Appropriated by town,	575 00	
Received from State,	474 12	
Interest on permanent school fund,	34 38	
By amt. paid for teachers' services		
and board,		\$1,175 20
janitors' services,		12 75
conveying scholars,		122 00
fuel,		56 08
Balance,		19 66
	\$1,385 69	\$1,385 69

REPAIRS.

	DR.	CR.
To appropriation,	\$100 00	
Unexpended balance, '98,	6 80	
By amount expended,		\$107 32
Over expended,	52	
	\$107 32	\$107 32

BOOKS AND EXPRESS.

	DR.	CR.
To appropriation,	\$50 00	
Unexpended balance, '98,	3 79	
By amount expended,		\$53 29
unexpended,		50
	\$53 79	\$53 79

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES.

	DR.	CR.
To amount received from town,	\$86 13	
By amount expended,		\$86 13
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CLEANING SCHOOL HOUSES.

	DR.	CR.
To amount received from town,	\$13 75	.
By amount expended,		\$13 75
	<hr/> \$13 75	<hr/> \$13 75

In this report I refrain from making special flattering or fault-finding remarks about any of the several schools, such is not the custom of the present. It has been suggested that comment be made upon each school, to assist other superintendents in securing efficient teachers in the future. I think, however, this method has proven fruitless of correct results. I believe the true way is for superintendents to use their own judgments, regardless of petty personal prejudices.

I shall conclude by saying the summer and fall terms were generally successful. The fact that money was raised by donation of the people, secured by the gratuitous services of Rev. Mr. Nelson, to extend all schools, excepting Ridge, is sufficient evidence that the winter schools were more than usually successful.

Respt. submitted,

JOS. A. PUTNAM, Supt.